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In re Patent Application of:
 Tracee E.J. Eidenschink

Application No.: 10/034,448

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Art Unit: 3763

For: **HYPOTUBE WITH IMPROVED STRAIN
 RELIEF**

Examiner: Roz Maiorino

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final office action mailed on February 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.